

Appln. No. 09/881,938
Amendment dated August 4, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 22, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The March 22, 2005 Final Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, claims are amended and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

Inasmuch as the present Amendment raises no new issues for consideration, and, in any event, places the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for consideration on appeal, its entry under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 are respectfully requested.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

In the Office Action claims 41-62 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 5,509,070 (Schull). In response, the claims are amended to more clearly define the present claimed invention over the cited reference. Specifically, the claims are amended to recite that the recording medium which includes a first semiconductor storage area and a second dynamic storage area, is a card-type storage recording medium.

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Neither Schull nor any of the other references of record disclose, teach or suggest a card-type storage recording medium that includes a first semiconductor storage area and a second dynamic storage area, that the second dynamic storage area stores free and pay contents data, and that the first semiconductor storage area stores information to use the free or pay contents data as recited in independent claims 41, 43, 48, 52, 54 and 59.

In view of the foregoing, claims 41, 43, 48, 52, 54 and 59 are in form for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Claims 42, 44-47, 49-51, 53, 55-58 and 60-62 are either directly or indirectly dependent on one of the independent claims. The dependent claims are patentable over the cited references in view of their dependence on one of the independent claims, and because the references do not disclose, teach or suggest each of the limitations set forth in the dependent claims.

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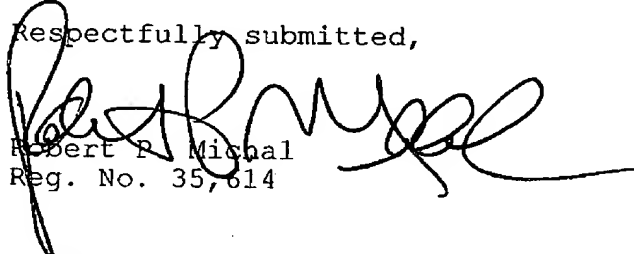
Entry of this Amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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